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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Carl Woods, Michael G.R. Smith, John Parks, James P. Garcia and John M. de Larios

For: PROXIMITY MENISCUS MANIFOLD

This application is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part of prior Application No.: 10/261,839, filed September 30, 2002 from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed; and

Application Elements:

- 31 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 11 Sheets of **Informal** Drawings
- 02 Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - Newly executed (original or copy)
 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
 - Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- Combined Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action and Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest and Revocation of Prior Powers
 - Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C
- Information Disclosure Statement
 - PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations (Foreign References)
- Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- Return Receipt Postcard
- Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- Other: _____

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained.)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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			<u>RATE</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>Fee</u>
BASIC FEE			\$385	\$	\$770	\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	-20 = 00	x09=	\$	x18 =	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	03	-03 = 00	x43 =	\$	x86 =	\$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$145=	\$	\$290 =	\$
* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.			Total	\$	Total	<u>\$770.00</u>

Check No. 10752 in the amount of \$810.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P475).

Request for Small Entity Status

Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.(Order No. LAM2P475)

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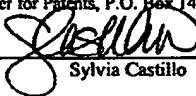
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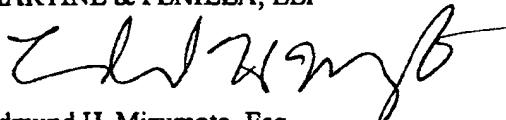
REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

Respectfully submitted,
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